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# Campus spared from storm damage

## Recent rains caused few problems

By KEVIN FLOWERS Editor

Although last weekend's heavy rains caused millions of dollars in damage and left many people homeless, LSUS seems to have been spared.

Flood waters were kept from buildings and most areas of campus, except for the Mall, which received so much rain that the only objects visible by Friday evening were the four mounds near the fountains.

According to Burt Farrar, director of the Physical Plant, minor leaks in roofing tiles were the only damage suffered by the campus.

"We were pretty lucky," he said. "The campus didn't experience any real major problems."

After the rain finally ended Sunday, local meteorologists estimated that approximately 10 to 12 inches had fallen on Shreveport-Bossier.

Farrar said the reason for the flooding in the Mall was due to the nearby waterways cresting.

"The Mall is lower so it naturally floods faster than any other place on campus, but it probably wouldn't have filled up so fast if the bayou where it drains hadn't already been full of water."

Farrar added that the campus also experienced no electrical outages, although computers at the Campus Federal Credit Union had to be shut down due to the weather. The credit union was forced to close at 10:30 a.m. Friday because its computers are tied-in with the computer system at LSU Medical Center's credit union where there was extensive flooding.

"Our biggest problem was that people couldn't come by and withdraw cash or make deposits because we weren't able to be open," said Rita Kinnard, member service officer for LSUS. "We had some backwork to do Monday morning, but things are returning to normal."

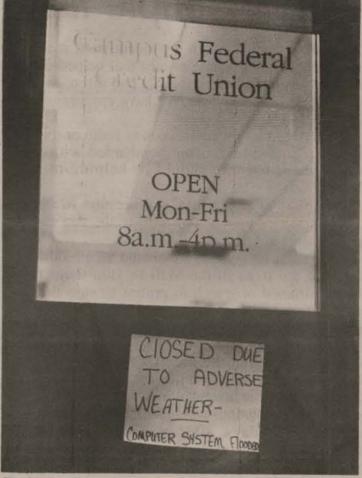
Although work at the credit union came to a halt, others on campus who rely upon computers weren't affected by the storms.

Warren Cockerham, assistant registar in admissions and records, said the office had no electrical problems. "We didn't have to shut down our computers. We just closed early Friday when we realized we weren't going to have any businesss."

Cockerham feels the office actually benefited from the bad weather. "We've been able to pre-register several students since we extended the registration period, so I've been pretty happy about that," he said! The Office of Admissions and Records has extended pre-registration until 4:30 p.m. todiay.

Now that the lakes and puddles left by the downpour are beginning to slowly dry up, Farrar hopes the campus won't have to endure any more such drenchings.

"That was one of the worst storms LSUS has even gone through," he said. "We're not likely to see that kind again, at least not for awhile."



Bad weather forced the Campus Federal Credit Union to close early last Friday, PHOTO BY JAMES AULDS

# Kappa Sigs to seesaw for Lighthouse funding

By MERIDITH ORR Features Editor

Kappa Sigma Fraternity has set out to prove that there is more to Greek life than parties and beer.

This afternoon, the Sigs kick off a 50-hour see-saw marathon to benefit the Lighthouse, an organization that provides education and training for underpriviledged chil-

dren

In past years, the marathon has raised funds for a liver transplant for Cherie Walls, and helped purchase bulletproof vests for the Shreveport Police Department.

Proceeds from this year's marathon will aid the Lighthouse in providing important services for children in lowincome neighborhoods, said

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# Service options open to students

By ANNE LINK Staff Reporter

For those students wanting to serve on campus, the Student Government Association may have the answer.

The SGA is looking for students to fill openings on several committees, including academic calendar, admissions and standard review, artists and lectures, library, traffic, media board, student affairs, saftey, commencement, and faculty awards.

Interested students should be

prepared to attend all committee meetings, voice opinions, and report back to the SGA.

Newly-elected SGA
Presiden,t Joel Morgan, would
like the positions filled as soon
as possible by those who will
actively participate in the meetings. He is responsible for
appointing people to serve on
the committees.

"Historically, SGA's presidents have appointed their friends to fill the positions, but I am going directly to the students to make them aware that there are committees they can

apply to and become members of," Morgan said.

Concerning the faculty awards committee, Morgan said, "The faculty doesn't like students judging them, but shouldn't it be that way? After all, we're the ones who have them. We're the best qualified to do it."

Sarah Kirkpatrick, SGA vice president, said those interested in serving should not be afraid to roll up their sleeves and go to work.

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#### **Editorial**

# Beautifying campus can be simple task

In looking back through the recent past, it seems each decade had a theme or idea that helped define it. The 60s had hippies, the 70s had disco, the 80s had yuppies, and now the 90s have environmentalists.

It's hard to turn on a television or radio or pick up a newspaper without being bombarded with messages about how we should be helping to save Mother Earth.

Although at times they can become tiresome, these messages hold some truths-truths that can be applied here at LSUS.

That's not to say that we should all lie down in front of the trees in the Mall to stop them from being trimmed or march in protest to stop the science department from dissecting animals. There are more subtle means of saving the planet.

For instance, if there are candy wrappers or potato chip bags littering the grounds or hallways, pick them up as you walk by and place them in the trash. It wouldn't take much time or effort to carry out this chore, and the campus would look a lot nicer.

And on Fridays, after reading a copy of the ALMAGEST, please don't leave it resting on the stairs or on desks in classrooms. Either carry the newspaper home, toss it into the trash, or put it back in the stacks on the floor. The campus custodial staff would be very appreciative.

It's true that the custodial staff is responsible for helping keep the University in order, but we shouldn't be making the job harder by creating messes.

worker commented that she almost hated to see the ALMAGEST passed out each week, knowing that she would have to pick up the copies left lying around the campus.

This problem could easily be solved if we would simply take some pride in the appearance of LSUS. With various speakers and potential students visiting the campus, it is important that we look our best.

So next time, before leaving refuse behind, remeber to throw it away. You may not make the hole in the ozone any smaller, but you're certainly helping to make LSUS a cleaner place.

# BLIRM

DEATH'S CHALLENGE -- IS BLIRM A GONER?













## Letterman junkie

# Obsession leads to mutation

My metamorphasis into David Letterman began when I was smack dab at the peak of my barely pubescent, putty-like stage of life, during which anything that wanted to impress me could easily do so.

Late one evening during my twelfth year, the Dabbling Stage approached me innocently, placing its gentle hand on my unsuspecting shoulder. With its other hand it turned on the bedroom television and whispered congenially, "Watch and learn."

I fixed my eyes to the screen and observed. A tall, solid man was standing there tearing up a cue card and throwing the pieces at his audience. I was instantly fascinated and asked the Dabbling Stage where I could get more. It said, "Every night. Eleven-thirty. Only on NBC."

So on the nights that I could, I would stay up and digest this new item called Late Night with David Letterman, beaming at the madcap antics it contained. Primarily on Friday nights (I had school to sleep for on the other nights.) the Dabbling Stage and I would sit up and laugh openly at the doings of this man David Letterman.

The first few nights of that following summer were much



like those of the previous year; the Dabbling Stage and I would enjoy the show together in bliss. But one night about a week and a half into the summer, the Dabbling Stage did not show up. That night when eleven-fifteen rolled around, I was worried. At eleven-twenty-one I was anxious. At eleven-twenty-seven I was profusely sweating.

Suddenly, at eleven-twentynine, a large, rough hand grabbed me by the arm and yanked me violently into the chair. I turned and gazed at my aggressor. It growled, "From now on I'll be your mate. I'm the Obsession Stage." It kicked the TV set on and twisted my head toward the screen. "Now you can watch every night, Summer Boy. Heh, heh."

As the evenings progressed,

I anticipated the show with greater urgency, like a thirst in need of quenching. Eleventhirty would not arrive fast enough. When the show finally did come on I watched feverishly along-side the Obsession Stage, absolutely engrossed in every off-the-cuff quip and impromptu action of my newfound hero.

The Obsession Stage carried me through the summer, making sure that I did not miss one episode. I watched now for not only entertainment, but for guidelines, for blueprints of my own future actions. I studied his gestures and his speech, practicing them unto perfection, so that I might emulate his ways and be more like him. Exposure to "Dave's" personality had ultimately led to my submission to the ways of my late night guru.

At that point, the Obsession Stage dropped me to the floor. Dazed, I looked up and saw an unkempt figure looming over me. Left eye twitching wildly, it said, "I thought I'd never find you. Sheesh. I'm the Possession Stage." It clumsily lifted me to my feet, brushed me off, and donned me in a double-breasted sports jacket, tie, baggy pants, and wrestling

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## Letters to the Editor

# **Aquatic sports venture** commended by student

time to chastise the administration for their failings and shortcomings, I feel it is imperative that we take time to commend them for what I feel is an unparalleled success.

In an effort to expand our sports program, this university is venturing into aquatic sports. Admittedly, they have not announced this action, but I have deduced this conclusion based upon certain fact. Number one fact is the continuing presence of Lake HPE.

While some selfish individuals continue to complain about the presence of Lake HPE, I applaud the potential which springs from this body of water that lies between the parking lot and the Health and Physical Education Building.

To those who moan and cry

Since we so often take the over the slight inconvenience of ruining countless pairs of shoes while trying to traverse this body of water, to those who preach a gospel which condemns this vast pool for all the colds and flu generated from wet feet, to those who mistakingly speak of the ease with which this situation could be remedied, I say you see only the dark cloud and not the silver

> Would you put your health before the possibility of an LSUS water skiing team? Would you put your pocketbook before the countless bass fishing tournaments we will hold in Lake HPE? Are you so selfish that you think you deserve something better than a perpetually submerged walkway?

If you answer yes to these questions, then maybe you just cannot think on the same pplane as the pilots of our univeersity

I am proud of all the poossibilities Lake HPE offerss our fine institution. I just wishly that more of the administrationn had the opportunity to park inn the HPE parking lot so they could share the riches this boddy of water offers each of us.

Those who would discount this commendable action oon the part of our administrationn are the same narrow-minded souls who fail to see the logic wwhich demands that the HPE buildling remains the only building on campus which is not connected by a covered walkway.

#### Robert Fuulton

Editor's Note: When writing a letter to the editor, piplease include your major and dyear.

nered such feedback as, "You watch Letterman, don't yyou," and, "Man, you're just like Letterman when you taalk." These musings were musisic to my ears. Oh, what a feetiling it was to be compared to myy idol, my mentor, my hero!

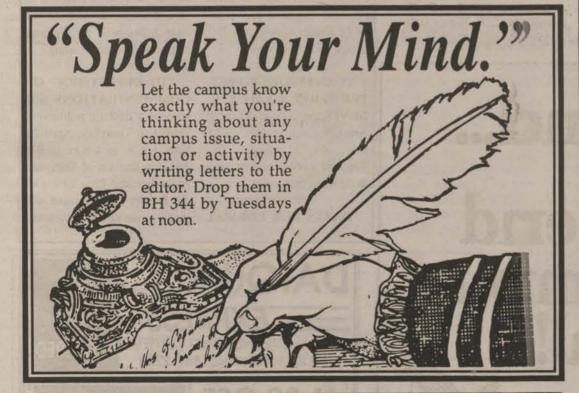
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shoes. It handed me a box filled with freshly sharpened pencils and blue index cards, turned me around, and sent me

off to my first day back at school. "Do him proud," the Possession Stage shouted as I walked into the distance. And I

My delivery and manner of speech, especially in front of small groups, constantly gar-



#### LETTERS POLICY

The Almagest requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor Letters should be typed and double-spaced. Please include your class (freshman, etc.) and major field of study. They should be turned in to the Almagest office, BH 344, by noon on the Tuessday preceding the Friday publication date.

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## Which class is your most difficult?



"History 146 has been the hardest for me. It's an interesting class, but sometimes it's hard to understand the significance of all those past events."

DELAINE COULSON junior, psychology

"Algebra 121. It's hard to understand all the different concepts. My other classes are pretty straightforward."

ROBERT HANSON freshman, med. technology





"English 115 has been pretty hard. I'm not cut

JOHNNY RHODES freshman, chemistry

out for writing."

"Psychology 207. The class is interesting, but it's not easy to apply set rules to everybody because everybody's different."

DEBBIE GREEN sophomore, education



#### Vews

# Chemistry department gets high-tech device

EDWARDS Staff Reporter

Chemistry students waiting for a high-tech influence to hit the campus will not have to wait much longer.

According to Dr. Ronald Martin, chairman of the chemistry department, an instrument known as a liquid chromatograph, an attachment for the already available mass spectrometer, will be coming to LSUS any day now.

Although mass spectrometers are not uncommon nationally, Martin says the attachment of the liquid chromatograph is a unique combination rarely found nation-wide due to its advanced capabilities.

The advantages of the instrument are numerous. The first

JEANETTE MARIE being the increased technology available to students. Martin says the addition of the liquid chromatograph will be so that "faculty and students will be able to identify chemical compounds by their molecular fragmentation patterns."

Dr. James Goodrich, professor of chemistry, called the machine an "up-to-date instru-

Another advantage is that faculty and students will save time. Before, results from lab research were sent out of state to be processed by facilities with the proper equipment.

Martin said his results were sent to the University of Oklahoma, but with the addition of the chromatograph, the processing will be handled

The third and probably the

most beneficial advantage for LSUS is that students will be able to have access to the instrument in their higher level chemistry classes.

Goodrich says the instrument will "upgrade several upper level courses." He also sees it as "an actual hands on experience for students."

Instead of professors having to improvise or skip sections in class, they will now introduce and cover extended material in chemistry because the facilities will be available.

The chromatograph was requested many times by the chemistry department but failed to be approved due to the lack of funds. According to Martin, the proposal for the instrument was finally approved when the state allocated money to LSUS for the special equipment.

# Campus

has extended its operating hours Monday through Thursday until 10 p.m. The new hours will continue through semester's end.

SPECTRA, the campus literary magazine, is accepting short stories, personal essays, poetry, art work, and photographs for the 1991-92 edition. Submit work in BH 263. Spectra is also accepting applications for the position of coeditor. Interested students may pick up an application in the English department office. Applications are due Monday, April 22.

THE BAPTIST STU-DENT UNION will have Luncheoncounter Wednesday at 11 a.m. and again at noon. Everyone is invited.

APRIL CAREER INTER-VIEWS are as follows: April 23 - American General Finance. Students may come to the Career Center, AD 230, to sign up for interviews.

IN AN EFFORT TO BET-TER SERVE NIGHT STU-DENTS, the College of Liberal Arts office will be open until 6 p.m. on Mondays. The Registrar's office will be open at the same time.

DATES FOR FORMAL

are as follows: Friday, Sept. 6 -6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 7 - 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 8

Applications may be picked up on the second floor of the University Center. For those applications received by May 15, fee is \$10. After this date. the fee is \$15. For more information, contact Liz Mayo Monday through Friday after 5 p.m. at 635-8839.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL ASTRONOMY DAY, the Shreveport Astronomical Society will sponsor a free star party and lecture on campus Saturday, April 20. From 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., a lecture entitled "Sister Worlds: Earth and Venus" will be presented in the Science Lecture Auditorium. From 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., telescopes will be available outside the Science Building to view the heavens. Also several videotapes will be playing inside the Science Building.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS will sponsor a desktop publishing workshop Thursday, April 25 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in BH 360. Jim Branton of Computer Solutions and Pam Lewis of the Bossier Press-Tribune will demonstrate various programs.

# Holiday in Dixie - Daily Events

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# Acting comes to LSUS

Faculty/students involved in local theater

Features Editor

Students who attend community theater productions this spring may see a few familiar

The Marjorie Lyons Playhouse production of "Man of La Mancha", which ends its week-long run this weekend, features LSUS drama coach M.G. "Jorji" Jarzabek and senior education major David

Another student Jarzabek's, Trey Gibson, was featured last month in Port Players' "The Cocktail Hour."

Jarzabek said she landed the role by accident. "I had no intention of trying out myself,"

As part of her acting class, Jarzabek took several students to a Marjorie Lyons audition to familiarize them with audition procedures. The show's director, Bob Buseick, approached her about filling out an audition

After much prodding, Jarzabek relented and got the role of the innkeeper's wife. "I

"It's a change of routine for me, but it's really more work than anyone in their right mind would volunteer for."

> M.G. Jarzabek LSUS Drama Coach

had never been assigned a speaking role before," she said.

She added that she had been cast as an extra in past productions, but concentrated mainly on the technical aspects of the-

"It's a change of routine for me, but it's really more work than anyone in their right mind would volunteer for," she said. "David Jones, who plays Pedro, had to attend rehersal every day for five weeks."

Trey Gibson had been involved in community theater for six years before attending Jarzabek's drama class. Gibson said the class has helped sharpen his skills.

"For one thing, it helped me

with my breathing on stage, which is highly important," he

Gibson plans to continue in community theater. "My first goal was to get the lead in a show. Now my new goal is to direct," he said.

Jarzabek's class has prompted more students to try out for other roles. Grace Orsulak, a freshman liberal arts major, will be appearing in Shreveport Little Theater's production of "Crossing Delancey", which opens May 16.

Jarzabek is proud of her students, and gives them most of the credit for their success. "It's a reflection of their hard work in the class.'



M.G. Jarzabek (left), as an innkeepers wife, meets Heather Peak in the local production of "Man of LaMancha."

PHOTO BY JAMES AULDS

Today, 2 p.m. at Fairgrounds Field - "The Great Earth Week Baseball Double Header.' LSUS plays Southern Arkansas University. Tickets available at

Saturday, April 20, noon in the University Center Theater -Earth Day Poster Contest for elementary, middle school, and high school students. First place - \$100, second place -

\$50, third place - \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds. Entries must be on standard size poster paper and have an environmental theme. All entries must have student's name, address, and phone number printed on the

Sunday, April 21, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in LSUS Mall - Earth Day Mall. More than 30 environmental organizations will

display their materials. Awards will be given to winners in the Earth Day Poster Contest. Proclamations will be given by Gov. Buddy Roemer, Mayor Hazel Beard, and Chancellor John Darling. The LSUS Life Sciences Museum will have an open house, and the Biology Club will give away seedlings.

Monday, April 22, 12:30 p.m. - LSUS will hold a tree

planting ceremony in honor of Earth Day. Several Southern Magnolias will be planted.

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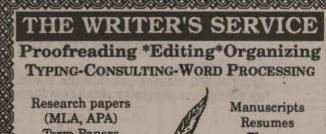
due to habitat destruction, explotation, and pollution.

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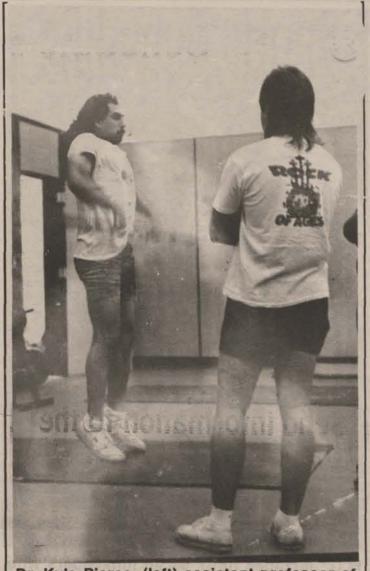
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## **Sports**



Dr. Kyle Pierce, (left) assistant professor of health and physical education, demonstrates to a group of high schoolers the proper technique for weight training.

PHOTO BY JAMES AULDS

# Foreman/Holyfield fight not unlike Rocky movies

By CHRIS CAMPISI Sports Columnist

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's get ready to rumble! Tonight, for the small sum of \$41, you the television viewer may partake in the battle of the bulge, George Foreman versus the Heavyweight Champion of the World, Evander "The Real Deal" Holyfield.

The question on everybody's mind is: Can George Foreman win this fight? I think he can. Do you remember in Rocky IV the shocking upset the "Italian Stallion" pulled on the scientifically perfect Russian, Ivan Drago? Many parallels can be made between that fight and George Foreman's title attempt

Now I know that Rocky never loses more than one trainer and more than one fight a flic, however, the underdog still prevailed.

In the movie, Rocky worked out on a farm, lifted boulders, did an ungodly amount of situps and ran in the snow. Rock had to eat Russian food. Have you ever had Russian food? Yeah, me neither, but the point remains, he was the underdog.

His foe, on the other hand, worked out on thermo-nuclear powered weight machines and got massages from Mark Gastineau's "friend". Drago ate steak tar-tar with side orders of nails and long slivers of glass during his training. Basically he was in perfect shape, physically. Mentally is a different story, but aren't they all.

Now, compare this with the Foreman-Holyfield fight. Foreman trains on cheeseburgers, ribs, steaks, WhataChicken Deluxes, butter, and a variety of cheeses. He runs 40 yards a day and works out on his farm. Get the picture?

Foreman's adversary, trains on vitamin enriched oatbran muffins and maxi-fiber calcium shakes. Holyfield trains on state-of-the-art thermo-nuclear Nautilus machines, and for all we know, he could be getting massages from Gastineau's "friend" also, or Robin Givens. Evander Holyfield is in good shape physically, I'll grant you. Now mentally, that's another story, but I digress.

Rocky Balboa he is not, but Foreman has captured the hearts of this great country. The question still remains, can he win this fight?

There are a few things that work in Foreman's advantage and one of these things is that Holyfield is not an aggressive, no-holds-barred type of fighter. Also, Foreman punches with the force of a wide-load truck, which is nice.

But, if Foreman is going to win this fight he's going to have to live by the sword and go after "The Real Deal" from the first sound of the bell. Stamina is not in Foreman's corner and if this fight goes on for more than five rounds, the preacher's going to be in trouble. I think that whoever gets in the best shot first, will win this fight.

Foreman punches hard and there is no doubt that his opponent can take a punch or two, but can Holyfield stop a wideload with his face and still speak in mono-syllabic grunts for the rest of his life? If Holyfield gets in the first shot, it's just a matter of whether Foreman can take the abuse. Can the underdog, the preacher, win this fight? Rocky could.

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#### Kappa Sig.

Lisa Brandeburg of the Volunteers of America. Brandeburg handles public relations and fundraising for the Lighthouse.

Such services include afterschool and pre-school care, as well as job training for young

Kappa Sigma hopes that the event will bring more attention to LSUS. "This year, we decided to do this on campus to give visibility to the school," said Robby Wise, the fraternity's community service chairman.

The marathon begins at 2 p.m. today and continues until 4p.m. Sunday. "We'll be here all weekend, and we'll appreciate any help or donations we can get," said Chris Chandler, Kappa Sigma president.



"A SEVEN-DAY WAITING PERIOD IS SIMPLY... NOT ... POLITICALLY ... FEASIBLE ... RIGHT?"

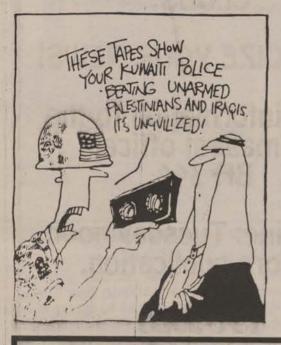
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"If you want to be on a committee, you need to make sure you show up for the meetings," she said. "The faculty are watching us because we had to fight to allow students on the committees. Also, you should not be afraid to speak out."

Kirkpatrick serves on the student affairs committee. which is responsible for approving club constitutions and hearing disciplinary cases, among other activities.

Applications for the committee openings are available in the SGA Office in the University Center, next to the Game Room. Applications are due Tuesday. April 23.







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